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1. Schönefeld Military and Civilian Airfield N 52-23, E 13-21 in the Soviet Zone of Germany was located Encl. A directly south of the town of Rudow (distance unknown to me). The closest obstruction to this irregularly shaped field (dimensions unknown to me) was a large castle two kilometers west. About three kilometers from the northeast end of the airfield runway, and in the direction of 50°, was a railroad depot.
2. The Airfield's surface was level and 45 m. above sea level. I believe that there were drainage ditches along the sides of runways, taxi-strips, and aprons; the drainage was natural for grass areas Encl. B, Pt. 5. There were no hardstands or revetments.
3. A Soviet Aeroflot commander (name unknown to me) was in charge of the field and coordinated with the military commanding officer (name unknown to me). Approximately five persons worked in the building which housed the passengers' waiting room Encl. B, Pt. 9. I saw about 30 unarmed Soviet soldiers marching in formation on the field Encl. B, Pt. 10. I also saw Soviet guards, armed with submachine guns, stationed at various positions around the field. These guards wore light green uniforms with knee-high black boots.

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4. This airfield was capable of handling four-engine and jet fighter aircraft. Airfield technical facilities included:

- a. A radio tower which transmitted on 3,255 kcs (I saw no transmitter masts).
- b. A mobile traffic control unit with a red and green spotlight, which was parked at the end of the runway in use.
- c. A landing "T" which was aligned with the runway in use.
- d. A beacon used for ADF let-down procedures.

5. I saw two PO-2 aircraft at this airfield in 1952. I also saw about 15 LI-2's parked here Encl. B, Pt. 5, but cannot remember when See also, Encl. B, Pt. 8.

6. refueled with the aid of a Soviet-type refueling truck.

7. I did not see an airfield bus and believe that personnel used private vehicles on the airfield road Encl. B, Pt. 4 for transportation.

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ENCLOSURES:

- A. Pinpoint Location of Schönefeld Military and Civilian Airfield
- B. Memory Sketch of Schönefeld Airfield

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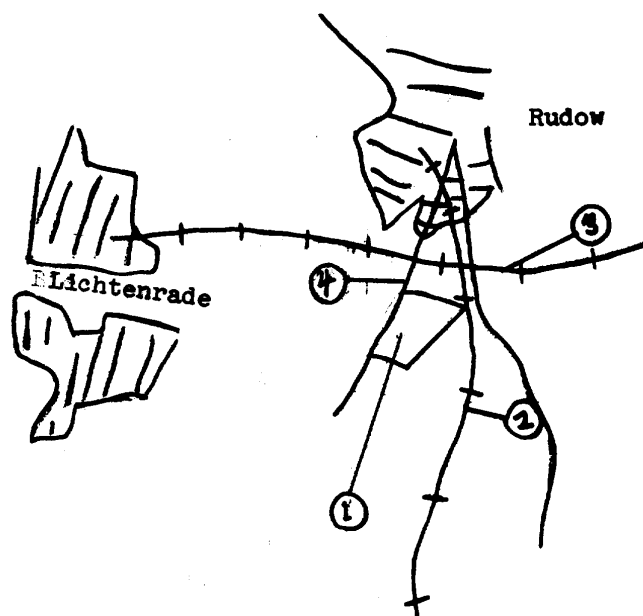
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ENCLOSURE A

Pinpoint Location of Schönefeld Military and Civilian Airfield
 Overlay of GSGS 4416, Scale: 1:100,000, Sheet N-8.



52° 20'

E 13° 20"

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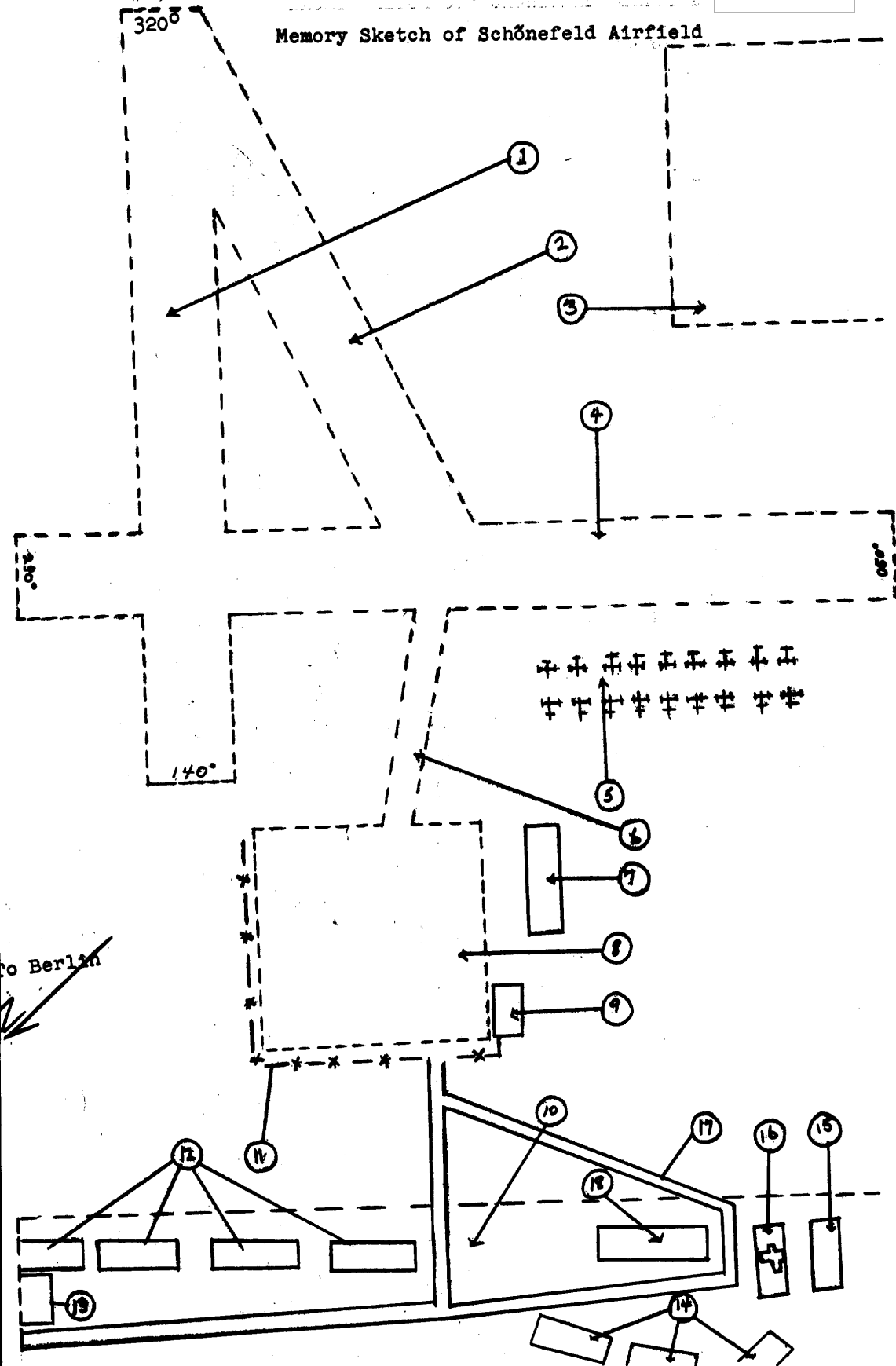
- Point #1. Schönefeld Military and Civilian Airfield.
2. Railroad: ran past northeast corner of airfield to Rudow.
3. Railroad: ran past north end of airfield to Lichtenrade.
4. Road: construction unknown: ran parallel to west edge of field, from Wassmannsdorf to Rudow.

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ENCLOSURE B (CONT'D)

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- Point #1. Runway: concrete and asphalt; 900 x 50 m.; magnetic headings 320°/140°; fair to good condition.
2. Runway: concrete; 500 x 50 m.; fair to good condition; used only by small aircraft.
- 50X1 3. Hangar Area: used by civilian aircraft, but only for parking and repairs. The weather station and repair facilities were located here. [] aircraft had engine trouble, it was taxied to this area to be repaired by Soviet Aeroflot mechanics.
- 50X1 4. Runway: concrete; 2,000 x 50 m.; magnetic headings 050°/230°; fair condition. [] a large asphalt portion of this runway but could not state whether it was an extended area, or part of the runway.
- 50X1 5. Aircraft Parking Area: grass; [] 15 aircraft, IL-2's, parked in this area.
6. Taxi-Strip: concrete; 150 x 20 m., fair condition. It led from the runway at Pt. 4 to the loading ramp at Pt. 8.
- 50X1 7. Building: three stories; pink stuccoed brick; 30 x 20 m., dark red gable roof.
8. Concrete Area: passenger and cargo loading and unloading area, 100 m. square. [] Polish IL-12's, Soviet IL-12's, and Czech IL-12's here at various times.
- 50X1 9. Building: one story; stuccoed brick; 20 x 10 m.; low shed roof. It contained the passenger waiting room, pilots' briefing room, weather forecasting room, and lavatories; one section was used for ticket and freight offices.
10. Billeting Area: dimensions unknown []; contained camp for Soviet soldiers, hotel, and other buildings which housed Soviet officers, their families, and transient passengers and aircrews. See Pts. 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 below.
- 50X1 11. Fence: wire mesh, 1½ m. high; enclosed only northwest and northeast sides of concrete area at Pt. 8. One large gate in the fence opened onto the road at Pt. 17; this gate was always open []. He saw no guard.
- 50X1 12. Buildings: three stories; 50 x 20 m.; flat roof; believed [] to be new, and used as quarters for Soviet soldiers and their families.
- 50X1 13. Building: two story; 50 x 20 m.; flat roof. [] was in this building on one occasion and thought that the first floor was a grocery or food store and the second floor, a clothing sales store.
14. Buildings: three story; 50 x 20 m.; flat roof; Soviet soldiers' billets.
15. Building: three story; 50 x 20 m.; flat roof.

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16. Building: three story; 50 x 20 m.; flat roof with a large red cross on the side. This building was believed to be a hospital for Soviet soldiers, officers, and their dependents.

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17. Road: concrete; five to six meters wide; new condition. It led from the concrete loading ramp at Pt. 8, to the billeting area hotel at Pt. 18, and the housing area, Pts 12, 13, 14, 16.

18. Hotel: this hotel was very large but could not give an estimate of the dimensions. He had stayed here overnight several times and believed this hotel to have been used by Aeroflot crews, passengers, Soviet officers, and VIP's.

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